

REMARKS

Examination is requested based upon the amendments made via this Preliminary Amendment.

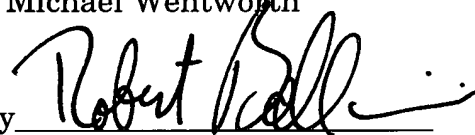
The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies to better conform with U.S. practice. Also, the Abstract is reproduced on a separate sheet and submitted herewith.

Early consideration and allowance of pending claims 1 - 17, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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